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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

Lorraine W. Hamberry Memiroff, was.

Office File 100-107297

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 337 Bleeker St. M.O.J., M.O.J.

Employment: Peoples Artists Inc.

Address: 124 W. 21 St. M.O.J., M.O.J.

Key Facility Yes No Detcom Yes NoSecurity Flash Yes No Photo Yes No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial
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DATE 10/5/87 BY SP/10/90

Residence: same

Method of Verification: Protect call to subject

Neighborhood Source: 67E

Date: 2-15-57

Verified by SA: 67C

Employment: part time

Address: unemployed

Key Facility: Yes No Date Checked:

Work:

Reopen Case JAN 24 1957

Origin NY

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Chief Clerk -
Close Case on FEB 19 1979
Geographic Reference Number
12-14Tab Detcom: Yes No

Method of Verification: Protect call to subject

Employment Source: 67E

Date: 2-15-57

Verified by SA: 67C

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ... UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1879) (12-14) DATE : 1/23/57

b7C FROM : SA [REDACTED] (19)

SUBJECT: GREENWICH VILLAGE SECTION
NY COUNTY CP
IS-C

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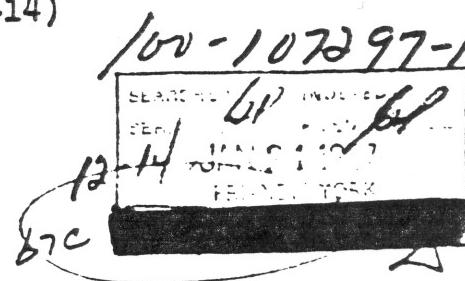
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- 1 - NY 100-128222 [REDACTED] (12-14)
 - 1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] (12-14)
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 - 1 - NY 100-128817 (CP, DIST #2, MEMBERSHIP) (12-8)
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 - 1 - NY 100-128814 (CP, DIST #2, ORGANIZATION) (12-8)
 - 1 - NY 100-128821 (CP, DIST #2, FACTIONALISM) (12-8)
 - 1 - NY 100-62083 [REDACTED] (12-14)
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SUBJECT: NEW YORK COUNTY CP
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Director, FBI (100-393031)

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SAC, New York (100-107297)

Corrected Security Index cards
and all other index cards
in file. File old cards.
Place photo and description on
reverse side of geographical card.

LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

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ALIASES _____

DATE 10/5/82 BY SP6 CJA/jch

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Unemployed

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____ 100-107297-124

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1879) DATE: 3/19/57

b7c FROM : SA [REDACTED] (12-8)

SUBJECT: GREENWICH VILLAGE SECTION,
NEW YORK COUNTY CP
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1 - NY 100-94171 (#12-14)
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1 - NY 100-109530 (#12-14)
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DIRECTOR, FBI

NYC, NEW YORK (100-111883)

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1- NY 100-107297
1- NY 100-111883 (7-6)

LORRAINE HENKROFT

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class II serial number 107297

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New York is also Office of Origin in the elased case entitled "LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSEBERRY NEMIROFF, was. JOHN HENRY, SM-S". (NY 100-107297).

This individual's file reflects that she was born 5/19/30 in Chicago, Illinois, Negro, resided at 137 Bleeker Street, NYC, in September, 1956, and was employed by People's Artists, Incorporated, 124 West 21st St., NYC, in September, 1956.

It is to be noted that People's Artists, Incorporated, has been cited as a Communist front. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392).

Further- LORRAINE NEMIROFF was Associate Editor of "Freedom" in 1952, and at an unspecified time wrote articles for the "Daily Worker" under the alias of JOHN HENRY. The Fall 1955 editions of "New Challenge" identified LORRAINE HANSEBERRY as the Associate Editor of "New Challenge".

There is a possibility that LORRAINE NEMIROFF might possibly be identical with captioned subject, although nothing has been located in the files of NYO to factually substantiate this observation.

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... certain personnel in the NYO familiar with certain GP publications were unable to ascertain the identity of captioned subject.

Accordingly, no further investigation is being conducted on captioned matter at this time and this case is being placed in a closed status by the NYO subject to reopening in the event that any specific information is secured in relating to the true identity of captioned subject. - 8 -

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1879) (12-14) DATE: 6/3/57

b7c FROM : SA [REDACTED] (19)

SUBJECT: GREENWICH VILLAGE SECTION
NY COUNTY CP
IS-C

b7D Extreme care should be used in handling information
contained herein to protect the identity of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (P & C) (19)
1-NY (100-26603-C42) (NY County CP) (12-16)
1-NY (100-26603-C1880) (ALP Club, Village Section) (12-14)
1-NY (100-26603-C1881) (PTA Club, Village Section) (12-14)
1-NY (100-26603-C1869) (Ethel's Club, Village Section) (12-14)
1-NY (100-26603-C1882) (2nd A.D. Club, Village Section) (12-14)
1-NY (100-128243) (12-14)
1-NY (100-109530) [REDACTED] (12-14)
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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: LORRAINE V. BANSBERRY

JUL 5 1957

Office File 100-107297

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

NOTED

Residence: 337 Bleecker Street, N.Y.C.

SI UNIT

Employment: Unemployed

DATE 7/22/57
or

Address:

Manhattan

Key Facility Yes No
Security Flash Yes NoDetcom Photo Yes No
 Yes No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

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Residence: *same*Method of Verification: *extet call to subject*

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Neighborhood Source:

Date: 7-18-57

Verified by SA: *57C*Employment: *same*

Address:

Key Facility: Yes No Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: Yes NoMethod of Verification: *extet call to subject*

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Employment Source:

Date: 7-18-57

Verified by SA: *57C*FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: Yes No

File Reviewed 7-17-57

- Subject Meets SI Criteria
 Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials *67C*

Date 7-17-57

7-23-57 JG
Chief Clerk: Close Case on this *JUL 19 1957*
CHAM 12-14 ASSISTANT

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297) (12-14)

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SUPERVISOR #12-14

LORRAINE VIVIAN NEMIROFF

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A review of this case file reflects that a last report was submitted 10/11/56.

It is recommended that this case be opened for the preparation of an annual report.

Case reviewed by SAC 100-107297
Set 4, no action necessary
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Chief Clerk:	12-14
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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 337 1/2 Beecker St., New York, N.Y.

Employment: Unemployed

Address:

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Residence: same

Method of Verification: *retel call to subject*

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Neighborhood Source: [REDACTED]

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Date: 2-3-58

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FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: Yes No

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Address:

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 Security Flash Yes No

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Address:

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

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LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

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A review of this file reflects that a last report was submitted 10/1/58.

It is recommended that this case be reopened and assigned for the purpose of preparing an annual report.

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b7C [REDACTED] of the Bureau contacted the writer at 3:55 p.m., 9/9/58, and made reference to the NY report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/31/56, wherein on page 9 reference is made to "The Worker", issue of 9/7/52, section 1, page 1, column 3. This article deals with subject campaigning for SIMON GERSON. [REDACTED] explained he has pulled this edition of "The Worker" at the Bureau but apparently the citation is from a NY edition of "The Worker" and such article does not appear in the national edition, which the Bureau files.

[REDACTED] requested that this entire page of "The Worker" be photostated and a positive be immediately forwarded to him. He requested that it be directed to [REDACTED] Room 5634, with the notation "Deliver Immediately Upon Receipt."

[REDACTED] mentioned that subject is producing a play "Rais in the Sun", and requested that if the NYO is in possession of any information as to when this play will be produced, that he be advised by routing slip.

Supervisor [REDACTED] advised.

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Re: LORRAINE VIVIAN HARRIS BERRY NEMIROFF
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New York Herald Tribune - Late City Edition

1/23/59

Page 8.

New Haven Applauds
'A Raisin'

The New Haven audience and critics gave a warm reception Wednesday night to "A Raisin in the Sun" starring Sidney Poitier and an all-Negro cast.

The "New Haven Journal-Courier" wrote: "The combination of an engrossing story, a beautifully written play and superb direction by Lloyd Richards marks the production for certain success on Broadway."

The "New Haven Register" wrote: "A new Negro play of exceptional warmth and discernment and a Negro cast of great charm and proficiency last night made 'A Raisin in the Sun' one of the dramatic high spots of the season at the Shubert."

The play has yet to find a house in New York.

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play.

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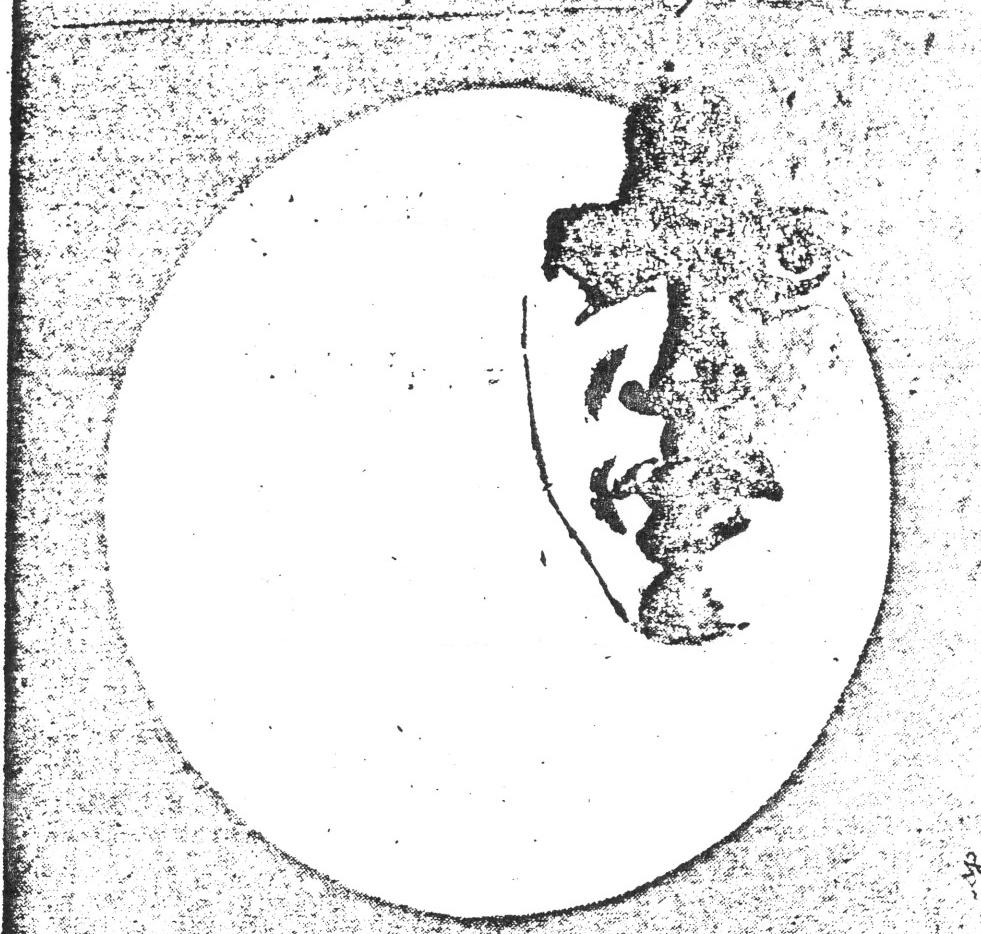
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a raisin in the sun

A new play by LORRAINE HAMMERSHIRE

CLAUDIA McNEIL RUBY DEE

LOUIS GOSSETT JOHN FIEDLER

DIANA SANDS IVAN DIXON

Directed by LLOYD RICHARDS

Designed and Lighted by RALPH ALTMAYER

Costumes by VIRGINIA VOLAND

PRICES: Evenings: \$6.90, 5.75, 4.60; 4.05, 3.45, 2.30.
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Night Orch. Sold Out: \$5.75, 4.60, 4.05, 3.45, 2.30. (Tax Incl.)

Please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope
and suggest several alternate dates.

FOR PREFERRED SEATING LOCATIONS Prior to Box Office Sale
address all mail orders and make payable to:
"A RAISIN IN THE SUN" COMPANY, 157 West 57 St., N.Y.C.

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ON THE STAGE

"Raisin in the Sun"—W~~a~~
but, opens tomorrow for two
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Sidney Poitier.

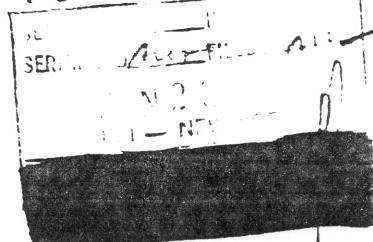
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In the contemporary Chicago setting, Poitier is described as portraying "a perplexed young man whose dreams and ambitions soar beyond reality to the extent that he precipitates a crisis which eventually involves his entire family."

TITLE FROM POEM

The title of Miss Hansberry's play is found in Langston Hughes' poem which reads:

What happens to a dream deferred
Does it dry up
Like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
Like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
Like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?

Miss Hansberry says that her play is "an effort to say a great deal about a large and important part of our contemporary situation. I believe one or two affirmative things are still left to be said about life and people."

Originally interested in painting, the author explains that she "began writing plays about six years ago to teach myself how I would read them to my husband (music publisher Robert Nemerson) and then put them away in a drawer."

PANETTA'S 'POKER GAME'

The first draft of "Raisin" emerged during the eight or nine months between her 26th and 27th birthdays. Last fall she read it to her personal friend Phil Rose and the morning following the reading Rose optioned the script to produce it with David Cogan.

For "The Poker Game," George Panetta, who speaks for himself elsewhere in this section, joins forces again with director Ruth Rawson and producer Norman Forman who helped the humorist make a success of his "Comic Strip" last season in New York.

The comedy concerns the c

Footlight Fare Old And New

By BARBARA L. WILSON

Two plays by authors new to Philadelphia, two classics, a local premiere and "Redhead's" final stanza at the Shubert comprise this week's theatrical fare. The playwrights making their bows here are Lorraine Hansbury with "A Raisin in the Sun"

at the Walnut tomorrow, and George Panetta, whose comedy "The Poker Game" opens at the Forrest Tuesday evening.

The Erlanger and 43d Street theater show a decided propon-

cy for early 17th century manuscripts with their respective productions of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," opening tomorrow, and Benson's "Volpone," due Wednesday night.

DENEY POITIER STARS

At the Ogontz Tuesday evening, "Compulsion" will be staged

Philadelphia proper for the first time. Meyer Levin's dramatization of his own best-selling novel had its American debut at Bucks County Playhouse last summer following successful introductions in Europe.

All productions have 8 o'clock opening night curtains with the exception of the Old Vic's "Hamlet," which begins at 8:15 P. M.

"A Raisin in the Sun" stars Sidney Poitier and features Ruby Dee as his wife, Claudia McNeil as his mother, Diana Sands as his sister and Louis Gossett as her hopeful but reticent sweetheart. The cast has been directed by Lloyd Richards.

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in the Caparuta family precipitated by the daughter-in-law whose faith and principles conflict with her relatives' beliefs. Doretta Morrow, in her first non-musical appearance, plays the outsider, and J. Carroll Naish and Aline MacMahon portray the elder Caparutas whose offspring are depicted by Kay Medford, Cliff Norton, Larry Pennell, Tom Pedi and Dorothy Greener.

NEVILLE AS 'HAMLET'

"Hamlet" is the third play in the Old Vic's current repertory. John Neville changes from his comic role of Sir Andrew Aguecheek in "Twelfth Night" to portray the tormented Dane of the Bard's drama.

Depicting the other principals are Barbara Jefford as Ophelia, Oliver Neville as Claudius, Margaret Courtenay as the Queen, Joseph O'Connor as Polonius and John Humphry as Laertes. Ben Jonson's "Volpone," published in 1606 three years after "Hamlet," is an exposure of human greed, written in scathing terms yet with mocking humor.

Star of the 43d Street production is Richard Easton appearing as Mosca (The Fly), cunning servant of the greedy Volpone, played by Sem Kressen, who delights in making his similarly avaricious friends believe that they will fall heir to his fortune.

DRAMA OF MURDER

"Compulsion," semi-fictionalized account of Chicago's Leopold-Loeb murder in the 1920s, has David Rounds and David Barrett in the leading roles of the teen-age murderers. The 32-member cast, directed by George Lipton, also includes Linda King, Al Medinets, Buck Martalian, Tim Herbert, Joe Macaulay, Alex Alexander and Jacqueline Michaels.

Madeleine Sherwood, who played sister-woman in Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" on stage and screen, has been signed to portray Sidney Blackmer's sister-housekeeper in Williams' new drama, "Sweet Bird of Youth," trying out at the Locust Feb. 9.

Also set for the play is Logan Ramsey, a former Philadelphia and an alumnus of Hedgerow.

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The third and fourth weeks, beginning Feb. 23 and March 1, of the local engagement of the new musical, "First Impressions," at the Forrest, will be on the local Theater Guild-American Theater Society subscription series. —

John Ireland is set as the villain and Jack Prince, the sheriff, in "Destry Rides Again," Harold Rome and Leonard Gerstenblatt musical, costarring Andy Griffith and Dolores Gray. It opens at the Shubert March 9.

There is a rumor circulating that Carol Lawrence, the Maria of "West Side Story," will be contracted to portray the title role in "Gypsy," musical version of Gypsy Rose Lee's autobiography, due at the Shubert April 6. Ethel Merman will star as the mother of the famous stripper.



Sidney Poitier shows his happiness by singing a tune for Ruby Dee, playing his wife, in "Raisin in the Sun," new drama at Walnut tomorrow, 8 P. M.

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Family Life Is Theme of Two Plays Bowing Here

By WAYNE ROBINSON

THE FAMILY CIRCLE, a subject which has intrigued playwrights from Euripides through Tennessee Williams, is the concern of two young dramatists in two new plays opening on Philadelphia stages this week.

Tomorrow night, at the Walnut, a 27-year-old Negro authoress from Chicago will be introduced to local playgoers with the drama, "A Raisin in the Sun," about a family in her own Windy City. The playwright is Lorraine Hansberry, and her play stars Sidney Poitier, the young actor who recently won such acclaim for his vivid screen performance opposite Tony Curtis in Stanley Kramer's film, "The Defiant Ones."

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Tuesday night, at the Forrest, a Manhattan writer takes the big plunge from Off-Broadway to Broadway with his comedy, "The Poker Game," in which he describes his own Italian family in New York. He is George Panetta, whose "Comic Strip" in an Off-Broadway theater brought him to the attention of Broadway producers. Holding top hands in "The Poker Game" are J. Carrol Naish, Doretta Morrow and Aline MacMahon.

The two incoming plays, each to run here two weeks, will join the hold-over musical, "Redhead," in which Gwen Verdon is being applauded by capacity audiences at the Shubert; and the Old Vic Company at the Erlanger with "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night" in repertory.

"Redhead" is proving that three weeks are not enough for a good musical to play Philadelphia, there being many more ticket seekers than there are seats available before the show departs January 31.

Our popular British cousins from Waterloo Road in London bring us five performances of "Hamlet," with John Neville in the title role, tomorrow through Thursday, with a Wednesday matinee. Old Vic ends its visit on Friday and Saturday with three repeat performances of "Twelfth Night," including a matinee.

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on Saturday, popular time for school-age theatergoers.

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"A RAISIN in the Sun," having its Philadelphia premiere following New Haven.

Poitier, in his first starring role for the Broadway stage, will play the ambitious, restless elder son in a family of strong individualists. With one exception, John Fiedler, who plays the role of a lawyer, the cast is all-Negro.

Featured are Ruby Dee, Claudia McNeil, Louis Gossett and Diana Sands, directed by Lloyd Richards. Ralph Alswang designed the sets for the play being co-produced by Philip Rose and David Cogan.

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"THE POKER GAME," which tells of the adjustment of a Jewish daughter-in-law to the Italian-Catholic family life of her husband, is based on the situation and solution of a similar problem lived out in the playwright's own family.

Arriving here from its first performances in Washington, J. Carroll Naish plays Papa Caparuta.

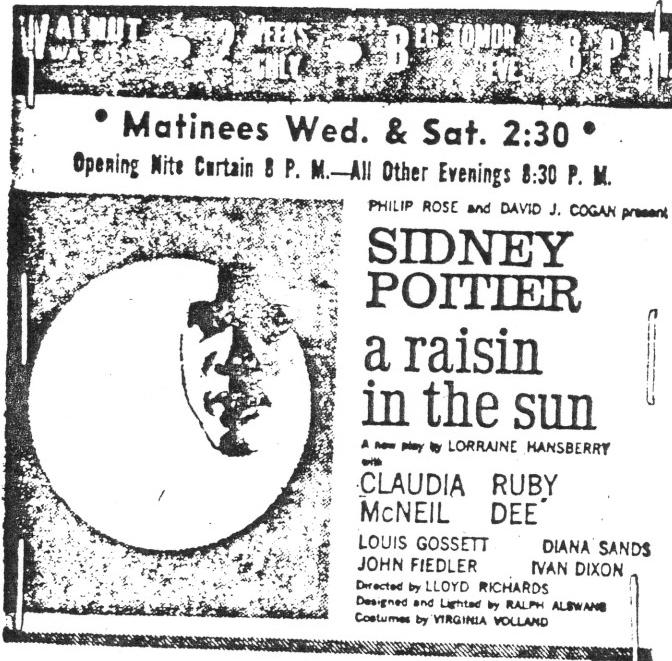
Aline MacMahon, as Mama, has been appearing in Broadway plays after a long time as a familiar face in Hollywood films. Doretta Morrow makes her first non-musical stage appearance as the daughter-in-law.

The setting, by Jac Venza, is Brooklyn, a change of venue by the author from the real-life Mulberry st. East Side background.

The director is Ruth Rawson, also a "Comic Strip" alumna, having directed the earlier effort for producer Forman. At this moment, she is the only woman director active on the Broadway scene.



"A RAISIN IN THE SUN"—New play by Lorraine Hansberry, opening on Walnut stage tomorrow night for two weeks, deals with the problems of a Negro family on Chicago's South Side. At breakfast table, Sidney Poitier tells his skeptical wife, Ruby Dee, of his business plans. At left, Claudia McNeil, with broom in hand, listens to the non-conformist ideas of her daughter, Diana Sands, at right.



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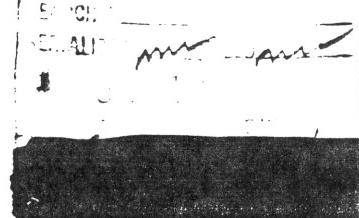
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